## **BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT/Alternative Budget**

SUBJECT: A Resolution Proposing a

A Resolution Proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution of the United States . . . H.J. Res. 1. Hatch motion to table the Byrd amendment No. 255.

## **ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 62-38**

**SYNOPSIS:** Pertinent votes on this legislation include Nos. 62-63, 65-93, and 95-98.

As passed by the House, H.J. Res. 1, a resolution proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution, is virtually identical to the balanced budget constitutional amendment that was considered last year by the Senate (see 103d Congress, second session, vote Nos. 47-48). The resolution: will require a three-fifths majority vote of both Houses of Congress to deficit spend or to increase the public debt limit; will require the President's annual proposed budget submission to be in balance; and will require a majority of the whole number of each House to approve any bill to increase revenue. Congress will be allowed to waive these requirements for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in effect. Congress will enforce and implement this amendment by appropriate legislation. The amendment will take effect in fiscal year 2002 or with the second fiscal year beginning after its ratification, whichever is later. The States will have 7 years to ratify the amendment.

**The Byrd amendment** would amend section 3 (which requires the President to submit a balanced budget proposal each fiscal year) by adding that the President will also submit any alternative proposed budget that he determines to be appropriate.

Debate was limited by unanimous consent. Senator Hatch moved to table the Byrd amendment.

No arguments were expressed either in favor of or in opposition to the amendment prior to the scheduled vote.

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